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METRO ARTS ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS

"Arts Build Communities" Grants Support Innovative, Impactful Projects

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 15, 2014 – The <u>Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission</u> (Metro Arts) today announced \$32,860 in grant awards to 19 nonprofit organizations in Davidson County through the Tennessee Arts Commission's <u>Arts Build Communities</u> (ABC) Program.

ABC is a program funded by the Tennessee General Assembly and administered in cooperation with the <u>Tennessee Arts Commission</u> and designated agencies throughout Tennessee. Metro Arts is the designated agency for the ABC funds in Davidson County.

These grants will support a variety of projects, including a visual art program with professional artists mentoring youth from the juvenile justice system; free music performances in Centennial Park; high-quality performing arts education for underserved youth; a locally-developed museum theatre production; and much more. Funded projects and activities will take place between August 16, 2014 and June 15, 2015.

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abrasive Media	\$ 1,472
Adventure Science Center	\$ 1,840
African-American Cultural Alliance	\$ 1,760
Amqui Station and Visitor Center (Discover Madison Inc.)	\$ 1,470
Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville	\$ 1,900
Arts at the Airport	\$ 1,425
Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville	\$ 1,920
Choral Arts Link	\$ 1,840
Circle Players	\$ 1,960
Gordon Jewish Community Center	\$ 1,440
Healing Arts Project Inc.	\$ 1,116
Music for Seniors	\$ 1,760
Musicians Corner (The Conservancy for the Parthenon)	\$ 2,000
Nashville in Harmony	\$ 1,900
New Dialect	\$ 1,840
Oasis Center	\$ 2,000
Salama Urban Ministries	\$ 2,000
The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee	\$ 1,900
The Ennix Jones Center of First Baptist Church Capitol Hill	\$ 1,317
(This grantee was inadvertently left off the original news release.)	

The entire listing of fiscal year 2014-15 ABC grant recipients and information about other Metro Arts grant programs can be found on the Metro Arts Grants page at www.artsnashville.org.

About the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission

The Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission provides leadership that stimulates and advances art and culture to enrich the human experience for the community. More information about grants, training and programs can be found at www.artsnashville.org. Metro Arts receives operational support from the Tennessee Arts Commission.